IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following replacement listing of the claims:

Replacement Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A computing system, said computing system comprising:

a communication link for bi-directionally providing a communication channel between a host computing device and a companion computing device, wherein said host computing device has access to at least one database in which a plurality of messages are stored in bitmap representations;

wherein said companion computing device comprises a display device and further comprises a control device for transmitting a request for one of said plurality of messages to said host computing device over said communication link; and

wherein said host computing device responds to a receipt of said request for the requested message by ~~retrieving from said at least one database the~~converting the requested message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message, wherein said host computing device transmits to said companion computing device the ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation of the requested message over said communication link for display on said companion display device, wherein the ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation is a symbol representative of the requested message to be presented on said display device as part of a user interface of said companion computing device, wherein the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to

graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested message on said display device.

2. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon .

3. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a specific language.

4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

9. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having an electronic pen or stylus for handwritten information.

10. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim I, wherein said communication link is a wired or wireless communication link.

11. (Currently amended) A method of providing language element support to a companion computing device from a host computing device, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request for a message to said host computing device from said companion computing device, wherein said message is one of a plurality of messages stored in bitmap representations in at least one database, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

receiving said request for the requested message by said host computing device; and

in response to said receipt of said request for message by said host computing device, ~~retrieving from said at least one database the~~ converting the requested message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message, transmitting to said companion computing device the ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation of the requested message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device, wherein said ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation is a symbol representative of the requested message to be presented as part of the user interface of the companion computing device, wherein the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested message on said display device.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a specific language.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having a pen input device for

inputting written information.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said requested message is transmitted over a wired or a wireless communication link.

21. (Currently amended) A storage medium having computer readable program instructions embodied therein, said storage medium comprising:

program instructions for transmitting a request for a message to a host computing device from a companion computing device, wherein said message is one of a plurality of messages stored in bitmap representations in at least one database, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

program instructions for receiving said request for the requested message at said host computing device; and

program instructions, responsive to said receipt of said request for the requested message by said host computing device, for ~~retrieving from said at least one database the~~ converting the requested message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message and for transmitting to said companion computing device a graphical representation of the requested message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device, wherein the ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation is a symbol representative of the requested message to be presented as part of the user interface of said companion computing device, wherein the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation of the requested message as a full screen image on said display device.

22. (Previously presented) The storage medium of claim 21, wherein the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon, and wherein said database is associated with a specific language.

23. (Previously presented) The storage medium of claim 21, further comprising program instructions for enabling said companion computing device to store the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said request identifies a language for said message, wherein said ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation corresponds to said language, and wherein said message in said language is displayed on said display device as a full screen image.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said request identifies a language for said message, wherein said ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation corresponds to said language, and wherein said message in said language is displayed on said display device as a full screen image.

27. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 21, wherein said request identifies a language for said message, wherein said ~~retrieved~~ bitmap representation corresponds to said language, and wherein said message in said language is displayed on said display device as a full screen image.